

**Maine Revised Statutes**  
**Title 8: AMUSEMENTS AND SPORTS**  
**Chapter 11: HARNESS RACING**

**§279-E. TRAINERS; DUTY TO SUBMIT A HORSE FOR TESTING FOR USE OF PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES**

Upon request of the commission, a person who signs an application for and receives a trainer's license in accordance with this chapter and rules adopted under section 279-A shall submit a horse trained by that licensee, qualified to race and identified by the commission for the purpose of obtaining a blood sample to test for the use of prohibited substances. [2007, c. 611, §8 (NEW).]

**1. Obtaining a sample.** Pursuant to this section, the commission may require a licensed trainer to:

A. Transport the horse to a designated site where a veterinarian employed by the commission or the department may draw a blood sample; or [2007, c. 611, §8 (NEW).]

B. Allow a veterinarian employed by the commission or the department, or a veterinarian designated by the commission and accompanied by a state steward, access to the premises where the horse is kept for the purpose of obtaining a blood sample. [2007, c. 611, §8 (NEW).]

[ 2007, c. 611, §8 (NEW) . ]

**2. Rulemaking.** The commission shall adopt rules establishing a procedure for obtaining blood samples and ensuring a secure chain of custody for transporting the sample to a laboratory for testing. The rules must consider travel distances and costs associated with obtaining a sample when designating a testing site and may assess a fee to defray travel costs for the veterinarian and the state steward. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

[ 2007, c. 611, §8 (NEW) . ]

**3. Refusal.** Refusal to comply with the commission's directives for obtaining a sample under this section is a basis for suspension of a trainer's license.

[ 2007, c. 611, §8 (NEW) . ]

**SECTION HISTORY**

2007, c. 611, §8 (NEW).

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